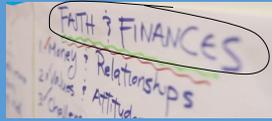


## Classes Coming in January

**Apologetics** - This class for divas, doubters and do-rights will present the reasonableness of the Christian faith and the unreasonableness of competing world views so that we will then be better equipped to communicate the gospel to a non-Christian, encourage a fellow believer, and strengthen our own faith. We will learn how to stimulate curiosity and interest in God and faith, not by debating, but through wise responses and real dialogue with the people in our world. Facilitated by Jan W



**Faith & Finances** - Navigating a maze of financial challenges is difficult for everyone. In this class we will get a glimpse of God's plan for our finances in a practical, be-in-control kind of way.

People from varied financial backgrounds will help us explore money-management skills and biblical stewardship principals that will lead us to long term change. Facilitated by Steve C

**Family Member Orientation** - Everyone is always welcome to join with us. We believe that committed relationships provide roots and strength that more relaxed relationships lack. We want to invite you to discover what a commitment to follow Jesus with us would look like. We plan to meet for eight Sundays between the two services (9:45-10:45am) to explore that together. Come and know our story and how we walk together in following Jesus. Facilitators: Pete L and Paul P

Many people like to give Christmas cards. If you have a mailbox, they will be put in there. If you don't have a mailbox, there is an alphabetical tote by the mailboxes. You can find cards in there by last name.

**CARDS FOR ALL** - There are Christmas cards from Sean P., missionary in Taiwan and Philippines, for anyone that would like one. He is so appreciative of us, his family. He is so grateful for our prayers, kindness, support, and outright love. He wants to wish all a very blessed Christmas in a personal card. The cards can be found either in your mailbox or at the Welcome Center.

**CHILDREN'S TIME** - Available during the 11:00 worship service for children 4 yrs. thru 2nd grade in Room 201/203 during the message time. Kids get to be active and parents are free to listen and learn. Children have the option to stay during the sermon or leave with the volunteers after the children's message and return after the sermon message (about 25 min.). Parents are encouraged to volunteer on a rotating basis. **Leaders: Dena & Abi P**

## BSLC Connections

### SUNDAY 12/20

8:15/11:00 Worship Services  
6:00 pm Women's AA-Spkr/Disc

### MONDAY 12/21

11:00 am Children's Gift Creating  
4:45 pm Stretching & Breathing

### TUESDAY 12/22

7:00 pm Elders  
AA Meeting

### WEDNESDAY 12/23

9:00 am Clothing Ministry  
10:30 am Pray for all Nations (Women)  
4:45 pm Stretching and Breathing

### THURSDAY 12/24

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service  
7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service  
AA Mtg-Big Book Study  
10:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

### FRIDAY 12/25

CHRISTMAS DAY - Office Closed

### SATURDAY 12/26

8:15 am Stretching & Breathing

### SUNDAY 12/27

8:15/11:00 Worship Services  
6:00 pm Women's AA-Spkr/Disc

Saints Alive will be hosting a Whoopie! Game Day and Luncheon on Jan. 14th, 11:00-1:30pm, in the Fellowship Hall. We will also celebrate Erma Hartman's 99th birthday. All seniors are invited, and can bring a card for Erma.

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## Growth Groups

If you desire to connect with more people and/or want to mature in your walk with CHRIST, then check out the groups that would love to have you join. Below are the groups that have openings. Contact Kathy or Paul Potter in the office to get information about a group, including where they meet and contact information of the leader.

### Mixed Adults (couples & singles)

Mondays 7pm (Every and 1st/3rd)  
Wednesdays 10am (over 55's)  
Thursdays 7pm (2nd/4th)

### Women

Tuesdays 7pm  
Wednesdays 9am (Moms)  
Thursdays 9am

### Men

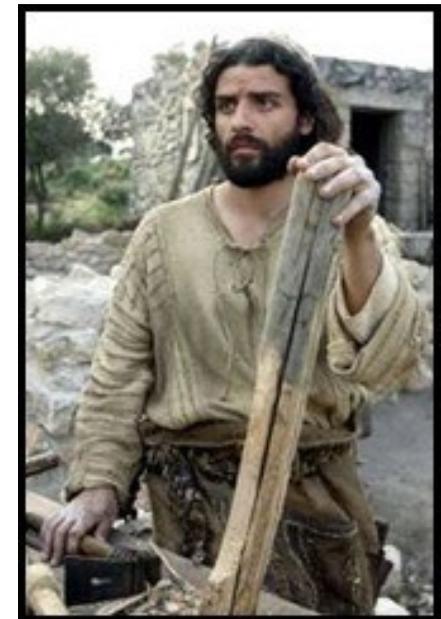
Tuesdays 5am & 7am  
Wednesdays 10am (Senior Men)  
Thursdays 6am  
Saturday 7:30am

### High School

Wednesdays 6:30pm - 8:00pm



## Joseph



8:15 a.m. • 11:00 a.m. December 20, 2015

Beautiful SAVIOR Lutheran Church  
9800 SE 92nd Ave  
Happy Valley, OR 97086

## Worship

See JESUS

Call to Worship  
 Emmanuel  
 O Come, O Come,  
 Emmanuel  
 Come, Thou Long  
 Expected Jesus  
 Soon and Very Soon  
 BSLC Choir  
 Family Message  
 How Great Our Joy  
 Joyful, Joyful,  
 O Come, All Ye Faithful  
 Matthew 1:19-21  
 Message

Follow JESUS  
 Communion  
 Announcements  
 Offering  
 Benediction

Next Week:  
 Christmas Eve –  
 Matthew 2  
 Sunday - Matthew 5

The flowers on the altar  
 are provided by Paul  
 and Chris as they re-  
 joice in their 21st  
 wedding anniversary.

*Happy  
 Anniversary*

## Message Outline

Prayer ministry is available in the prayer chapel  
 during communion and worship .

### The

Things I want to think about more...

Things I want to remember...



## Pray for One Another

We would like to pray for you! If you have public prayer requests you can share them on your communication card or call the office.

### Pray for Family

- Provide strength and comfort for those struggling physically:

### Pray for Community

Draw to faith in CHRIST JESUS: Paris, David, Rob, Joy, Shawn, Michael, Ryan, Rachel, Betsy, Sara

## Holiday Services



**Christmas Eve Services** - Thursday, Dec 24  
 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. - Traditional carols, family message,  
 and affecting sermon

10:00 p.m. - Reverent readings interspersed with intimate  
 songs (no sermon)



All BSLC kids, 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, are invited to create Christmas gifts and wrap them for family & friends on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch and supplies will be provided, so this is a free event. Transportation is available if necessary. All kids need to have a permission slip unless your parent(s) join in the fun. We need volunteers to help with this event, so let Julie G or Judy G know if you can help.



There are periods in our life when God pulls us aside to mature in a new way. Sometimes we don't quite know what Jesus is calling us to, but we have this sense that it is something more. If you feel like you are in that place, it may be because He wants you to see His perspective about the things that really matter to HIM. One way to see that is to enroll in The *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement* course starting in January at Oregon City Christian Church. It could be the next step in God's plan for you. Brochures about the class are in the lobby. If you would like to know more, talk to Kathy I, Chris L, John & Trish R, Marie W, Eunice M, Steve H, Zida D, Julie & Scott F, or Ron G.

If you would be interested in helping to put together refugee kits, please make note of it on your connection card.

### Will God pour out blessings?

I do plan to continue tithing. It is amazing how I have not missed the added amount given each month. In fact, it seems like I even have more money left over when the next month's money comes in.



We have been giving 10% to our congregation for over 25 years. We did not tithe that much when we were first married 41 years ago, but after hearing sermons on whether we were trusting ourselves or GOD to provide for our family's needs (not desires), and hearing personal testimonies from others we increased it to the full 10%. We also give another 5% to other mostly faith based charities. GOD has not let us down. HE has provided for more than just our needs and we believe HE expects us to be good stewards of what HE provides. After all, everything we have is a gift from HIM and belongs to HIM. We will continue to do this until HE calls us home.

## Communion Information

Elders: John R, Chuck, John J  
 Brad, Scot, Joe

Altar: Joyce

In *1 Corinthians 11*, Paul tells us of the power of Communion to forgive sins and unite us to JESUS and each other. Paul invites each of us to examine our self so that we receive this gift well. Those who receive communion well are baptized Christians who:

1. Trust in JESUS as their SAVIOR who provides full forgiveness through His death on the cross.
2. Repent of all known sins, wanting to change their life.

In this gift we received the real presence of JESUS and a real unity with each other. If you are not in agreement, it is best to refrain and then come and discuss this with the pastor. If a child has been prepared for communion by formal instruction, they are invited to receive this gift. Anyone may come to receive a blessing. Grape juice and gluten/soy/dairy/nut/corn/yeast-free options are available upon request.

### Our Monthly Verse

For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son,  
 that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16